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Leveraging County Homeless Prevention Initiative funds to Achieve Best Practices

On June 11, 2013, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors directed the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) to:

- a) Develop recommendations, in consultation with the Los Angeles County Interagency Council on Homelessness, to reprogram the currently unspent countywide Homeless Prevention Initiative one-time funds and ongoing non-district funds starting in the 2013-2014 fiscal year in a manner that both promotes permanent supportive housing and best practices and allocates resources based on geographic burden and need as determined by the latest Homeless Count results for the Los Angeles, Glendale, Pasadena and Long Beach continuums of care;
- b) Ensure at least 90% of the recommended reprogrammed funds go to fund permanent supportive housing efforts, especially those that could leverage

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significant federal, state, local and philanthropic funds and resources.

Permanent supportive housing efforts include related case management and supportive services that assist homeless persons to secure and retain stable permanent housing. Related case management and supportive services include housing location, move-in costs, shallow rental subsidies, interim housing leading to permanent housing, services to promote community reintegration and readiness, support of Family Solution Centers, support for interdepartmental teams to combat homelessness and efforts to secure income (such as Supplemental Security Income and other benefits);

- c) Ensure 150 winter shelter beds are funded on an ongoing basis for future fiscal years; and
- d) Ensure the recommendations propose criteria and a methodology to strategically target relevant populations.

The CEO responded with a Board memo and report dated October 30, 2013 which included seven recommendations that directs the departments of Health Services, Mental Health, Public Social Services, and Public Health to establish a homeless single adult model of care and the departments of Mental Health, Children and Family Services, and Probation to establish a demonstration project for homeless youth.

I THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

Direct the Chief Executive Officer in coordination with the departments of Health Services, Mental Health, Public Social Services, and Public Health, Children and Family Services, Probation and the Executive Director of the Community Development Commission (CDC) to implement the recommendations included in the October 30, 2013 Homeless Prevention Initiative Reprogramming and Ongoing Funding Recommendations report and take the following related actions:

- a. Establish a single adult model to provide an infrastructure to reduce homelessness for the single adult population, which includes multidisciplinary integrated teams (MIT's) to provide street and shelter-based intensive engagement and support; rental subsidies; ongoing case management; and supportive services to support the start-up costs, year one and subsequent years of the program;
- b. Continue to fund \$1.0M annually for the Homeless Families Solution System;
- c. Building on best practices, direct the CEO and Executive Director of the CDC to consult with appropriate county departments on strategies to procure or develop permanent housing for homeless youths emancipating from the dependency and/or delinquency systems with mental illness and multiple challenges including co-occurring disorders utilizing, at minimum, \$1.0M of onetime savings;

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- d. Provide the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority with up to \$250,000 additional funding on an annual basis to provide up to 135 additional winter shelter beds;
- e. Disburse the currently unspent countywide one-time Homeless Prevention Initiative funds and any ongoing non-district funds by service planning areas based on the latest homeless counts of the four continuums of care in Los Angeles County; and
- f. Return to the Board within 120 days with the detailed implementation plan, budgets and funding proposals for all the programs identified to receive reprogrammed Homeless Prevention Initiative funding pursuant to the October 30, 2013 Chief Executive Office Board report.

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